

Hatfield Urges Christians

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## To Lead Fight Against Hunger

ST. PAUL, Minn. (BP)—Sen. Mark O. Hatfield (R-Ore.) has called on Christians in the United States to take the lead in combating the world food crisis through several means, including setting aside this year's Thanksgiving as a special observance.

Addressing the Conservative Baptist Association of America at its annual convention in St. Paul, the senator

declared that "today our world stands on the brink of famine. Yet, all the world knows that there are harvests of plenty in America."

He told the Baptist body, to which he belongs, that Thanksgiving should be set aside at a time when Christians throughout the land join to express their thanksgiving for our plenty, not by a feast, but by a sacrificial

outpouring and sharing of our plenty with the needy."

Appealing to the biblical example of Egypt's preparations for the seven years of famine, the Oregon senator noted, "We have not been as prudent as Egypt." Instead, he said, "farmers were paid not to grow crops on as much as one-seventh of our

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### INDEPENDENCE DAY JULY 4, 1974

#### From The Living Bible

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, whose people he has chosen as his own. The Lord gazes down upon mankind from heaven where he lives. He has made their hearts and closely watches everything they do. The best-equipped army cannot save a king — for great strength is not enough to save anyone. A war horse is a poor risk for winning victories — it is strong but it cannot save. But the eyes of the Lord are watching over those who fear him, who

rely upon his steady love. He will keep them from death even in times of famine: We depend upon the Lord alone to save us. Only he can help us; he protects us like a shield. No wonder we are happy in the Lord! For we are trusting him. We trust his holy name. Yes, Lord, let your constant love surround us, for our hopes are in you alone.

(Psalms 33:12-22)

Religious Heritage of America, Washington, D.C.

#### Pastor Honored For 70 Years In Ministry

ST. LOUIS, Mo. (BP)—A. E. Prince, 87, a fulltime Baptist minister since 1904, was honored by the church that ordained him 70 years ago. Commemorating Prince's 70th anniversary as a minister was Barnhill (Mo.) Baptist Church and other friends.

Prince, who most recently served as the pastor of Water Tower Baptist Church, retired a few weeks before he was honored. He has been named pastor emeritus of the church and friends say he still preaches somewhere most Sundays.

The former president of Hannibal-LaGrange College, Hannibal, Mo., Prince said, "In a sense a 70th anniversary in the ministry is a lonely time. And it makes you want some of your friends near you."

## Stevens Says U.S. Broadcasters Friendly To Religious Agencies

FORT WORTH — "The nation's broadcasters continue with every passing day to demonstrate their friendship and openness toward the religious community," declared Dr. Paul M. Stevens of Fort Worth, Tex., president of the giant Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission.

Stevens, testifying in Washington June 26 before Senator John Pastore's Senate Commerce Committee on the subject of broadcast license renewals, said he is convinced that "broadcasters have fairly served the needs of the religious community, and have given unstintingly of their personal and corporate resources" to improve the quality of life in America.

Stevens supported Senate passage of a House bill that would extend broadcasters licenses up to a five-term term. He appeared before the Senate Committee at the request of the National Association of Broadcasters to describe the working relationship of local broadcasters and religious broadcasting agencies.

He cited the Radio and Television Commission as a "living example" of broadcasters' cooperation with a religious agency.

In 1953 the Radio and Television Commission produced one program, heard on 330 radio stations. In 1973 the Radio and Television Commission produced 39 shows, heard on 27 per cent of all the stations in this country. This afforded Southern Baptists approximately \$8 million in public service time. Network programming accounted for an additional half-million dollars of public service time, Stevens said.

Stevens told the Senate Committee that this cooperation was caused by the constant demand for fresh, well-produced program material, the alarm of key industry people about trends in society, and their constant efforts to improve the quality of life in America.

He said he didn't believe that the proposed legislation would in any way limit or damage the relationship of religious communities with broadcasters.

"One of the beneficial points of an extended license period would be the additional freedom which the broadcaster will have to make an even greater contribution of time and service to his community," he said.

## Research Shows No Threat To Deductions On Church Gifts

By John W. Baker  
for Baptist Press

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In the colorful language of a highly placed member of the staff of the House Committee on Ways and Means, such proposals in this Congress "are dead, cold and buried."

During the past few months rumors based on half-truths and untruths have spread throughout the country that Congress is about to act on one of several tax review and reform bills (specifically S. 3657, H. 15230 or H. 636) or that a "blue ribbon" committee is holding sessions on an unnamed bill. The rumor is that any or

all of these bills would remove the tax deductibility of contributions to churches, schools and other public charities, and will discontinue the tax-free housing allowance for ministers.

The research department of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in Washington has checked and double-checked authoritative sources of information and has determined that Congress, in the fore-

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## Court Rules On BSSB Taxes

By Gomer Leach  
NASHVILLE (BP) — After 18 months of deliberation and one complete rehearing, the Tennessee Supreme Court has ruled on the property tax liability of the Baptist Sunday School Board and United Methodist Publishing House here.

The 3-2 ruling affirmed in part the decision of the Chancery Court handed down April 15, 1971.

The state court's decision determined that publishing and printing of materials for distribution to members of the parent denomination or to be used in specific programs of the programs of the parent denominational organization are used of property which are exempt.

This would appear to include materials produced by the Sunday School Board's church services and materials division, including Convention Press items.

Publishing and printing of books for the general public, according to the state Supreme Court decision, even though the subject matter of such

books is religious, is not a use of property which is exempt. The Chancery Court earlier had held that materials of a general religious nature are exempt.

James L. Sullivan, president of the Sunday School Board, stated, "We cannot determine our property tax liability until several confusing aspects of the decision are clarified. The complexity of the case is demonstrated by the lengthy time taken by the state Supreme Court before the decision was handed down and by the lingering misunderstanding concerning printing.

"We own no printing presses," he continued, "yet one of the justices refers to the printing operations of both the Methodist and Baptist houses as if we did own printing presses. The decision raises a number of still unanswered questions."

Two justices, Chester C. Chatton and William H. D. Fones, issued a dissenting opinion which concurred with the majority for the most part, disagreeing only on the point of

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## Baptist Youth Meet To Major On Individual

By Debbie Stewart

PORLTAND, Oregon USA — Each delegate to the Baptist Youth World Conference will bring the heart of the meeting with him — himself.

The importance of the individual — in the group and in the world — is a key idea of the conference. The 8th Youth World Conference, first in the United States, is set for July 31-August 4 in Portland.

For five days young people between 16 and 25 years old, and youth leaders from 60 countries will worship, share, sing, study and tour in special groups. About 6,000 delegates will be resources for the groups and the conference as a whole.

Theo Patnaik, youth secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, explained that the conference, with a theme of "Christ — Our Challenge to Live," will feature seven large "communities." Each community, housed on campuses or in hotels, will include delegates from several countries.

Smaller "satellite" groups will focus on: Evangelism and Witness, Devotional Life, World Issues, Arts,

Leadership, Language, and World Community Building.

"Core" groups of ten delegates each will explore the conference theme, and the diverse backgrounds and perspectives brought to the conference.

Group dynamics — in the communities, satellites, and cores — will fully use the dynamic individuality of each delegate.

The World's Fair in Spokane,

Washington, will offer sightseeing, and a chance for youth choirs to perform. Choirs interested in singing at the Fair's Religion Pavilion August 5-6 should notify the Baptist World Alliance.

Delegates will get to know each other and themselves through international coffee houses, multimedia rap sessions, and drama and music. Young people can swap culture at an

International Marketplace. Delegates may bring craft articles characteristic of their country to trade at the market. Serendipity periods will include a "Fantasmagora" music jam session.

Delegates will share fun and nostalgia at "Youth Conference Past and Future" film review on former youth conferences and the times in which they took place. Young people will come together for a new musical, "Common Cup," and contribute as a group to world relief projects.

Leaders trained in group dynamics will coordinate sessions, drawing on the key resources of the conference — the delegates. Conference delegates will bring thoughts from smaller group sessions to nightly meetings of all delegates at the Portland Coliseum. A different continent will be featured each evening.

Each delegate will bring a vital contribution to Portland, and leave with the wealth of international community. Southern Baptist Convention President Owen Cooper, whose children have attended youth world conference

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PAJAN, Ecuador (BP) — Attendance at a week-long evangelistic meeting here apparently caused a one-ring circus, which was operating simultaneously, to give up and leave.

"Each night as crowds congregated to hear evangelistic messages, hardly enough people were on hand at the circus for the performance to begin," said Stanley D. Stamps, Southern Baptist missionary. "As a matter of fact, the circus closed down one night, pulled up stakes the next and left the small community."

Missionary Marvin R. Ford led the revival during which 10 persons made professions of faith.

## Christian Citizenship Sunday Observance June 30

Christian Citizenship Sunday is being promoted in Mississippi by the Christian Action Commission, according to Dr. J. Clark Hensley, executive director. "Mississippi was one of the first states to begin such annual observance a few years ago and our promotions were partially responsible for this annual event being placed in the Southern Baptist Convention denominational calendar," Dr. Hensley said. He further stated, "The Christian Life Commission, Southern Baptist Convention, is promoting the citizenship Sunday in the states where there is no counterpart to our Christian Action Commission. The states having similar Baptist agencies are Texas and North Carolina. Many states have a Christian Life Committee and/or a Committee on Public Affairs." Four thousand posters have been distributed to the Mississippi Baptist pastors to be used in the churches to call attention to the observance. "Cooperation in such an emphasis is purely voluntary," Dr. Hensley concluded, "but last year more than two hundred pastors either preached on some phase of Bible citizenship or observed the day in some other, appropriate fashion. It is expected that as many as five hundred churches will give some recognition this year to the need for authentic Christian citizenship based upon biblical teachings." Christian Citizenship is a program assignment of the Christian Action Commission.

## Court Strikes Down New Jersey Parochial Aid Law

WASHINGTON, D. C. (C-SNS) — First Amendment because "funds are provided by the legislature for a special class of schools, most of which are religious affiliates." The court also condemned the "lending" of equipment and supplies to parochial schools. The court said: "Whether or not it is ascribed, in part, as a loan, to us this is indistinguishable from a direct grant of public funds to parochial schools.

The New Jersey parochial law aided parochial schools by reimbursing parents for textbooks and school supplies and by furnishing equipment directly to parochial schools.

The three-judge federal district court in New Jersey found in 1973 that the law was unconstitutional under the no-establishment clause of the

First Amendment because "funds are provided by the legislature for a special class of schools, most of which are religious affiliates." The court also condemned the "lending" of equipment and supplies to parochial schools. The court said: "Whether or not it is ascribed, in part, as a loan, to us this is indistinguishable from a direct grant of public funds to parochial schools.

"Because of the language . . . in which the assistance provided only to parents of children who attend non-public, predominantly religious affiliations . . .

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CHRISTIAN CITIZEN:  
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### No Paper Next Week

According to custom, no issue of the Baptist Record has been published the past few years during the week of July 4th. Watch for the next issue on July 11.



**MUSICIANS' LEADERS**—The Church Music Conference, in addition to reviewing the new Baptist Hymnal, elected new officers. Directing the music leaders during 1975 are (l-r) Evelyn M. Phillips, Southwestern Seminary, vice president of the educational division; Don Brown of William Jewell College, in his second term as president; A. Joseph King, minister of music at University Baptist Church, Fort Worth; vice president of the local church division; and Sam Prestidge, Texas Baptist Convention, vice president of the denominational division. (Kroilan Benfield Photo)

## Musicians Unveil Hymnal And Premiere Children's Musical

By Charles WILLS

DALLAS (BP) — Unveiling of the contents of the Baptist Hymnal revision and the premiere of a children's musical and a commissioned anthem were among highlights of the two-day annual Southern Baptist Church Music Conference here.

William J. Reynolds, secretary of the Sunday School Board's church music department and editor for Baptist Hymnal, 1975 edition, revealed the table of contents which features 187 old hymns and 175 hymn tunes new to the hymnal.

The 485 total hymns span a variety of musical styles. While familiar and widely - used hymns have been retained, other familiar hymns not included in the 1955 edition of Baptist Hymnal, Negro spirituals and the works of contemporary authors and composers have been added.

Baptist Hymnal, 1975 edition, was compiled by a committee of 68 Southern Baptists. Included are pastors from both large and small churches, ministers of music, ministers of education, faculty members from colleges and seminaries, state music secretaries, evangelistic singers, church organists, professionals from the recording and music publishing industry, composers and representatives of denominational agencies.

The premier of a new children's musical from Broadman Press, "Johnnie's Tale of a Whale," by Robert Graham was presented by the children's choir of First Baptist Church, Garland, Tex., under the direction of Harrell Slack.

A second premier for the conference was the conference - commissioned anthem for 1974, "Praise God in His Holiness," by the late composer James Cram of Hardin - Simmons University, Abilene, performed by the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary Oratorio Chorus, Robert Burtt, director.

A service of praise, led by the Centurymen under the direction of Buryl

Red of New York, included performances by concert artists Robert Hale and Dean Wilder of the New York City Opera and by the Dallas Baptist College Wind Ensemble, under the direction of Doug Smith.

A tribute to Jane Marshall, composer of sacred music, featured the singing of her compositions by the sanctuary choir of First Baptist Church, Shawnee, Okla., under the direction of James Woodward.

The concluding event of the conference was a presentation of William Walton's "Belshazzar's Feast" by the Oratorio Chorus of Southeastern Seminary and by the Fort Worth Oratorio Symphony.

Composer - arranger Rick Powell of Nashville discussed "Electronic Music and the Church." Separate "interest sessions" provided emphases on contemporary worship, adult choirs, music and worship and instrumental music. A session on children's choirs featured a demonstration of music - learning activities with children from the Southwestern Seminary children's choir school.

Jesse Fletcher, director of the mission support division, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, spoke at a banquet honoring music missionaries, followed by presentation of the W. Hines Sims Achievement Award for distinguished service to the cause of church music to Warren M. Angell, dean emeritus of the Warren M. Angell College of Fine Arts, Oklahoma Baptist University.

Keynote address for the conference was given by John Claypool, pastor of Broadway Baptist Church, Fort Worth, on "Worship as Event."

Newly - elected vice presidents of the organization are A. Joseph King, minister of music at University Baptist Church, Fort Worth, local church division; Sam Prestidge, music secretary for the Baptist General Convention of Texas, denominational division; and Evelyn M. Phillips of the school of church music, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, educational division.

President Donald Brown, music professor at William Jewell College in Liberty, Mo., has another full year in his term of office.



## Broadcasters Receive Award Of Appreciation

Mississippi Broadcasters' Association held their annual convention June 26 at the Sheraton in Biloxi. On Friday, June 7, an appreciation luncheon for the broadcasters was co-hosted by the Mississippi Baptist Convention, Dr. Earl Kelly, (at right) executive secretary, and the Radio-TV Commission, SBC, Claud O'Shields, (second from right) associate director.

Guest speaker was Jerry Clover (second from left) of Yazoo City, MCA recording star. In charge of arrangements were Mrs. Fanny Cothran (left) of Lexington, president of the Mississippi Broadcasters Association, and Robin Mathis of Houston, Mississippi representative of the Radio-TV Com-

mission. An appreciation was presented to Mrs. Cothran for the Broadcasters' Association, in the form of a special plaque, pictured. Dr. Kelly states, "In the past twelve months 72 stations in Mississippi have carried radio and television productions for the Radio-TV Commission, SBC. The time given, if purchased, would have cost at least \$325,000. This does not include time given to the churches — time that would be given to the stations as that given to the productions of the Radio-TV Commission. The broadcast and the award were a gesture of appreciation for this service. Many people were present for the occasion."

## Let The Church Bells Ring On July 4!

Two years to go until we are 200 years a nation!  
The Fourth of July, 1776,  
Continental Congress approved our Independence Declaration.  
Each year bells throughout the land ring out  
The Fourth of July at 2:00 p.m.  
In Philadelphia, this year, on Thursday,  
The Tower Bell of Independence Hall will again  
Ring out a joyous thirteen times. Join us  
The Fourth of July at 2:00 p.m.  
Let the Church Bells ring  
Across the land, remembering  
The Fourth of July, 1776.  
Pennsylvania Society of Sons of the Revolution sponsoring Observance at Independence Hall, July 4, 1974, at 2:00 p.m. (E.D.T.)

## Bethesda Celebrates "Gulfshore Day" Sends Check Of \$507 For Assembly

Bethesda Church in Jefferson County, Union Association, has mailed a check for \$507 to the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board as a contribution toward the restoration of Gulfshore Assembly.

This offering came as the result of Gulfshore Day held at Bethesda on Sunday, June 9.

At the morning service, Pastor Lonnie Williams' daughter, Donna (a music major at Mississippi College), gave her testimony on what Gulfshore had meant to her.

After dinner at the church and a time of fellowship, Rev. Milton Burns, pastor of Port Gibson Church and

Union associational chairman for the Gulfshore campaign, brought an afternoon message. Rev. David Brooks, minister of education from his church, Mrs. Patsy White, youth music leader, and Mrs. Virginia Turner, pianist, with 16 young people presented a program of song and testimony.

Visitors were present during the day from at least ten area churches.

Pastor Williams states, "It is our humble prayer that they too will be led to have a special day as we did. We pray that Mississippi Baptists will feel the need and be led to help reduce the time for the restoration."

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SBC APPRECIATION—Porter Routh, executive secretary-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee, awarded retiring WMU executive secretary Alma Hunt with a distinguished service plaque during the WMU conference on Monday. Miss Hunt has served in the post for 26 years. (David Clanton Photo).

## Baptist Evangelists Challenged To Evangelize The World'

By Toby Drain

DALLAS — The First Baptist Church here is accustomed to preaching with gusto, but the rafters rang Wednesday afternoon, June 12 with proclaiming from a bevy of evangelists, and the amplified voices of a host of singers.

The occasion was the annual meeting of the Conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists held in conjunction with the Southern Baptist Convention.

For almost five hours, a standing-room-only crowd heard Southern Baptists challenged to evangelize the world, be true disciples, look to God's message for America in the Middle East and quit letting people leave the church disappointed.

Moody Adams, evangelist from Baton Rouge, La., told the crowd that the victory of Henry Kissinger in achieving peace in the Middle East "could well be the hand of God."

He said that just as God spoke to Moses through the burning bush, God could be speaking to the world today through the survival of Israel.

Bailey Smith, pastor of First Southern Baptist Church of Del City, Okla., was interrupted several times with applause and given a standing ovation at the close of a message encouraging preachers to quit letting people leave the church "disappointed."

No person ever needs to leave disappointed, he said, if the pulpit is a man of mission not position, if Jesus is revered instead of ignored, if evangelism is primary and not secondary and if the Holy Spirit is honored and not cheapened.

He got a laugh from the audience when he said it takes more than a

pulpit and a church to make a preacher and more than a can of hair spray to make an evangelist.

Bill Penley, evangelist from Candler, N. C., told the crowd that "our greatest ministry is not winning the sinners, but christianizing the saints."

There are three classes of Christians on the road to heaven, he said—those who have Jesus present in their lives; those who have him present and prominent, and those who give him pre-eminence.

"The history of the world where you live is going to depend on what you do with Jesus in the matter of Christian discipleship," he said.

John Haggai, Atlanta-based evangelist, challenged the crowd to truly carry out the Great Commission in giving the gospel to all the world.

"Global concern is imperative in world evangelism," Haggai said.

NASHVILLE — "Christian Liberation for Contemporary Women" is the issue that will be discussed at the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission's conference to be held at the Glorieta Conference Center, Glorieta, N. M., July 27-August 2, 1974. Specific topics to be explored include the Bible and women, a history of women's liberation, women along, abortion, divorce, myths about men and women, and the woman's role in the church. Treating these subjects in the light of Bible teachings will be Dr. Sarah Frances Anders, Dr. and Mrs. David R. Mace, and Dr. Harry N. Hollis, Jr.

Vera R. Mace has authored several books with her husband, David Mace. She took her M. A. at Drew University, Madison, N. J., with a thesis on The Christian Institution of Marriage.

### Harvey Elected To Head Convention's Executive Committee

DALLAS — Charles Harvey, pastor of Sunset Acres Baptist Church, Shreveport, La., was elected chairman of the Southern Baptist Convention's Executive Committee here June 12.

Harvey, former president of the Louisiana Baptist Convention, succeeds Stewart B. Simms, pastor of First Baptist Church, Greer, S. C., who served the maximum allowable two years.

Simms earlier had been elected first vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Walter Nunn, pastor of First Baptist Church, Jasper, Ala., was elected vice chairman. He is the immediate past president of the Alabama Baptist State Convention and has served on the finance committee of the Executive Committee.

Mrs. Ned King of Dallas was re-elected recording secretary, and Porter Routh of Nashville was re-elected executive secretary-treasurer.

The officers will appoint new subcommittees of the Executive Committee.

The brief organizational meeting to elect new officers was held at the Statler-Hilton Hotel here after the Southern Baptist Convention earlier had elected new committee members to fill vacancies and expired terms on the 64-member committee.

### The Convention President Speaks

Most of you know I have worn at least two hats during most of my tenure as president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention. One is that of being president and the other is serving as general chairman of the Restore Gulfshire Fund-raising Campaign. Each has been a rewarding experience.

In the fund-raising campaign, I have met and made some new and wonderful friends. Our Lord has some great and dedicated people in this state. They are people who not only go the second mile, but many beyond that. I have seen some fine people say we will double our pledge to see this campaign go.

Although there will be an official announcement about this, I am delighted to share it with you now. I received phone call June 19 and Mr. Holman, our state-wide chairman of individual gifts, gave me the good news that Jackson had exceeded the goal of \$100,000 in the individual gift area. This is not an audited statement, but based on a previous news release and general knowledge of additional pledges, I believe us to be nearing the \$150,000 mark in pledges. This would leave only \$100,000 to go. We surely need your help in this matter.

Please put your hand to the plow and help. Also, please make this a matter of prayer. Let's finish this job so we can get on to other things in the Lord's work.—David Grant.

### Research Shows

## No Threat To Deductions On Church Gifts

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seeable future, has no plans or intentions of tax reform legislation to discontinue the income tax deductibility of contributions or to require ministers to pay taxes on their housing allowances.

This does not mean that tax reforms will never affect the churches or their agencies. In this regard, the churches need to remember that "eternal vigilance is the price of freedom."

It is proper that the churches be alert to public policy that affects their freedom. However, they must take care that their participation in public affairs shall be positive, constructive and based on solid information and hard facts. Hearsay, rumor, scare tactics, fantasy and imagination are poor bases on which to launch church action.

Here are the facts:  
The Mills - Mansfield bill (H.15230 and S.3657) was introduced in 1972—an election year in which general and specific tax reform had become a major issue. Representative Wilbur Mills, chairman of the House Committee on Ways and Means, proposed that each instance of special tax treatment be reexamined over a three year period and then be abandoned if good reasons could not be found for retaining the special and favorable treatment. Tax deductible contributions to "public charities"

and ministers' tax-free housing allowances were a part of the category of special tax treatment to be examined.

Less than a month after the bill was introduced, Mills repudiated it in a speech in New York. Mills controls the agenda of the Committee on Ways and Means and his public repudiation meant that no hearing would be scheduled by the Committee.

The Mills - Mansfield bill (H.15230, S.3657) officially died with the end of the 92nd Congress in January, 1973. It has not been reintroduced in the 93rd Congress and, according to Mills, it will not be reintroduced.

Congressman John Heinz of Pennsylvania did introduce H.636 in the 93rd Congress. It was essentially the same as the Mills - Mansfield bill and, as a result, attracted some attention. However, the Committee on Ways and Means did not schedule hearings on the bill, and in April of this year Heinz publicly abandoned his bill in a speech on the floor of the House of Representatives.

No bills are currently alive in Congress which would abolish either the tax deductibility of gifts to churches, schools and other public charities or the tax-free status of ministers' housing allowances. No committees—either the regular standing committees or a "blue ribbon" special committee—are holding hearings or

contemplating holding hearings.

As a result of these false rumors, Congress has been flooded with letters of protest, educational organizations have been urged to mount a major lobbying effort and representatives of religious interests have received concerned inquiries from churches all across the nation.

One new member of Congress has received more than 4,000 letters on this dead legislation in the two months he has been in office. The volume of mail to other Senators and Representatives has been so heavy that many of the offices have found it necessary to use automatic typing machines in answering the questions and protests.

Administrative staff members, trustees and alumni of colleges and universities have written to their educational associations urging immediate and massive action to block the rumored threat to tax deductible contributions.

Church offices in Washington have received an increasing volume of calls and letters seeking information and, in many instances, requesting action from the Washington representatives.

The staff of the Baptist Joint Committee and Washington representatives of other religious groups encourage such inquiries. Responsible associational, state, regional or denominational leadership should be consulted on rumors—no matter how believ-

able they may be. They have access to the facts on church-state and public affairs issues. Action taken after such consultation will lead to a more effective witness in public affairs.

It is highly desirable that citizens participate in the political processes and that they exercise their constitutional right to petition their government in a number of ways—including the writing of letters to members of Congress.

However, if a citizen's contacts with government come as a result of faulty, out-of-date or false information he or she may appear to be uninformed, and his or her views might be largely ignored.

This could result in a situation dangerously close to that of the boy who cried wolf—a later letter from the same person (or constituency) based on sound and correct information might also be ignored or disregarded. The volume of church-originated mail or dead legislation is damaging the credibility of the churches in the eyes of government. (John Baker is director of research services of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, Washington, D. C.)

### Court Turns Down . . .

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ated schools and not to parents of all school children, we are satisfied that its primary effect is to advance religion and that it is thereby unconstitutional.

"Additionally, Section 5 is unconstitutional because it can only lead to excessive government entanglement with religion. . . . Without state supervision these instructional materials and supplies could be used for religious purposes. But the state supervision which would be necessary to assure that these materials were not so used would certainly foster the interference which would constitute excessive entanglement."

The suit, *Public Funds for Public Schools v. Marburger*, was brought by a coalition of concerned religious, Scouting, and civic groups.

The New Jersey law struck down by the Supreme Court June 17 is similar to a 1974 Maryland law which Americans United for Separation of Church and State and a coalition of religious and educational organizations are in the process of petitioning to a referendum in November.



MR. PRESIDENTS Ten Southern Baptist Convention past presidents and the present presiding officer were present for the opening day of the 1974 SBC. They included (l-r) H. Franklin Paschal, Brooks Hays, W.

A. Criswell, Herschel Hobbs, J. B. Grey, R. G. Lee, Ramsey Pollard, Wayne Dehoney, Carl Bates, Owen Cooper and K. Owen White. (Don Jordan Photo).

## Pastors, Leaders Of Area Invited To See Film On Demon Possession

Pastors and church leaders they may choose, in Jackson and the surrounding area, have been invited to attend a private free showing of a film, *The Enemy*, at the Capri Theater, 3023 N. State St., Jackson, on Saturday, June 29, at 10:00 a.m.

David Lanham, Jackson business man, and deacon of First Baptist Church, is head of a small group of Christian leaders, which has arranged for the film to be shown in Jackson, as an aid to pastors and church leaders who are dealing with demon problems, now being confronted because of the showing of the film "The Exorcist" and other films and books and literature which have brought the subject to the forefront.

Mr. Lanham said that letters are being mailed to pastors of all denominations in the area, inviting them to come to the showing, and to bring selected church leaders with them.

He said that in addition to the film, some books, other literature, and tapes, to be used in dealing with the problem among youth, will be presented, and made available.

The film, "The Enemy," is the true story of the experience of two Christian youth workers dealing with demon possession as it affected two teenagers with whom they were working. It is a professionally made film, produced by Ken Anderson Films of Winona Lake, Indiana. Its purpose, according to a news release, is to step into the present climate

The Capri Theater in Jackson is on North State Street, about three blocks north of Mississippi Memorial Stadium.

## Urges Christians To Lead The Fight Against Hunger

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cropland, and grain was left to rot in silos."

Besides the suggestion on Thanksgiving, Hatfield challenged Christians on a practical level to meet the world's suffering and hunger by:

—Setting aside specific amounts in congregational budgets directed to "meeting the needs of starving people in some particular point of the world."

—Considering a "graduated tithe," which increases in its percentage according to the amount of one's income.

—Renewing the "Christian discipline of fasting as a means of teaching us how to identify with those who hunger."

Hatfield warned that evangelistic efforts are futile in trying to win a person who "spends his waking hours struggling for enough physical bread to avoid starvation. How can we dare share this message of Christian

bread of life," he asked, "without trying to fill his empty stomach with food?"

Calling such a posture "one of the tragedies of the church today," and one "which surely grieves the Holy Spirit," Hatfield declared that choosing between evangelism and social action is to make a division not found in the scriptures or in the life of Christ. "This is a false dichotomy which we have created," he stated, "and which we must allow God to destroy."

Hatfield said Americans consume a disproportionate amount of the world's supplies of energy and foodstuffs and are therefore particularly responsible for setting new national priorities and commitments.

He pointed to the fact that 1975 federal budget calls for a military budget of \$60 billion, amounting to "63% of the funds Congress can actually control."

"By contrast," he stated, "all the funds proposed in this year's budget for the purpose of providing humanitarian and economic assistance to other nations, and to disadvantaged people, comes to \$1.9 billion."

## "FELLOW CITIZEN, A. LINCOLN" WINS BLUE RIBBON FOR BAPTISTS

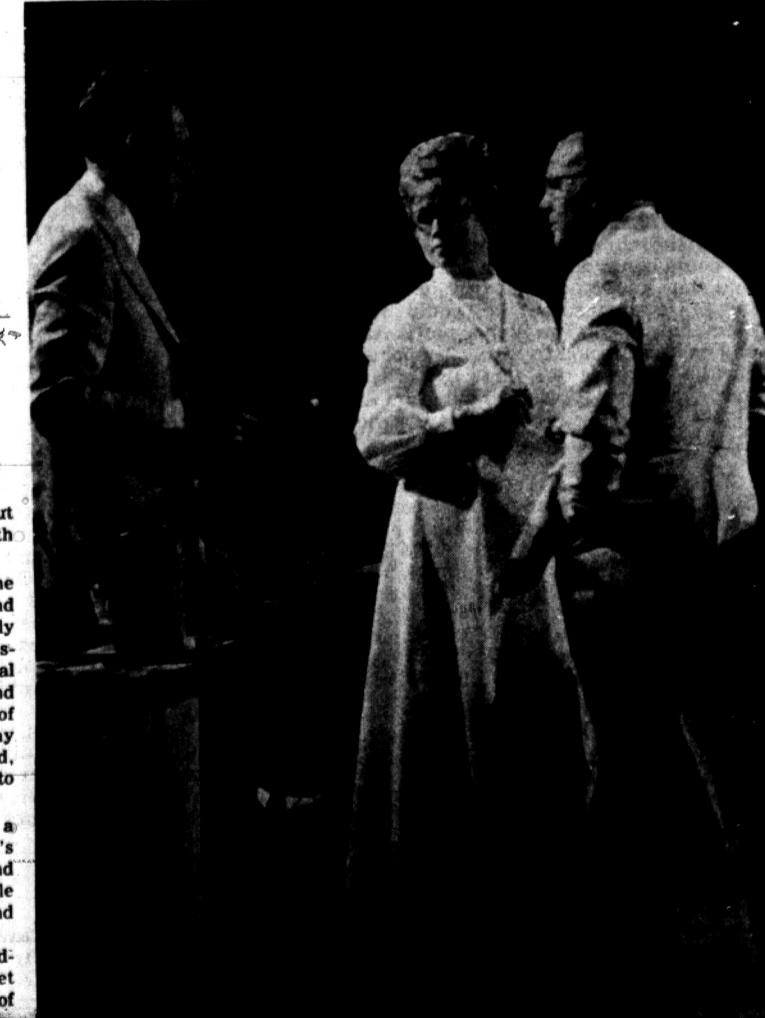
FORT WORTH (BP)—The Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission here has won its second blue ribbon (first prize) from the prestigious American Film Festival for a documentary production released in its The Human Dimension television series.

"Fellow Citizen, A. Lincoln" won the blue ribbon in the festival's history and archaeology category. The film was produced by Aram Boyajian and Cecile Starr of New York for the commission.

The American Film Festival only awards one blue ribbon and one red ribbon in each category, making it a coveted award by film makers. Winning films will be distributed to libraries across the nation.

"Home," the commission's documentary on ecology, won the festival's blue ribbon in 1972.

Truett Myers, the commission's senior vice president, production services, said "Fellow Citizen, A. Lincoln" is a result of the philosophy which launched The Human Dimension television series.



DEBATE ON WOMEN'S ROLE—Cecil Sherman of Asheville, N. C. (left), chairman of the SBC Christian Life Commission, and Mrs. Richard Sappington of Houston, wife of a Baptist pastor, took opposite sides over the issue of women's role in the church during debate at the SBC. Clifton Brannon (right), second vice president of the convention, presided during the stiffly-debated convention session. (James Lee Young photo).

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## EDITORIAL Guest Editorial

### Christian Citizen: America Needs You!

by C. Welton Gaddy

Christian Life Commission of the SBC

"Stay away." That was the counsel of former White House Staff Member Gordon Strachan when asked if he had any advice for young people regarding politics. No Christian can heed these words and remain true to either the concept of democracy or the Christian faith.

Christian Citizenship Sunday, June 30, 1974, offers Southern Baptist churches an opportunity to focus upon what it means to be a Christian citizen. "Christian Citizen: America Needs You!" is the theme of this special Sunday on the denominational calendar.

From every church and political precinct in our nation the call is for active political involvement for persons with

integrity so public confidence in government may be restored.

Last year, hundreds of churches found the observance of Christian Citizenship Sunday to be a most significant experience. Sermons and programs on Christian citizenship, visits from local representatives in government, workshops on political involvement, and other similar activities can be beneficial. Local congregations may consider how to have a greater impact on the political processes of the community. Christians have been inspired to assume a more active role in governmental affairs as well as to be better informed on methods of involvement.

America can benefit from the suggestions, opinions, and new ideas of Christian citizens. A sense of divine commissions leads Christians into the political process. Convictions inspired

by the Bible and actions shaped by the Spirit of Christ can be tremendously influential in that mix of political partisanship, economic realism, and legislative expediency out of which governmental decisions are made and national legislation formulated.

Long ago the French statesman Alexis de Tocqueville observed, "America is great because America is good" and warned, "If America ever ceases to be good, America will cease to be great." Christians are charged with the responsibility of good citizenship not only that the nation may be good and thus great, but even more importantly, that the Lordship of Christ may be extended into this all-important area of life and that God may be glorified through us.

Plan to observe Christian Citizenship Sunday, June 30. America needs Christian citizens!

### Baptists And Their Business

Long ago, Dr. J. B. Gambrell, former editor of the Baptist Record, wrote a book under the title, "Baptists and their Business." In the chapters he discussed Baptist policies especially as they related to other groups. In this editorial we take Dr. Gambrell's title, but not his thought, because we are thinking of the principles by which Baptists carry on their work, and not of how they work with others.

During the past two weeks we have seen Baptists at work, doing the job which God has assigned to them. We saw them in the framework of the large body of the Southern Baptist Convention, and we saw them in the detailed agenda of the Executive Committee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

Had we wished to see samples of the entire process of Baptist business we would have had to visit a church in business session, committees in the church, committees and boards of the state and national convention, and sim-

ilar meetings.

Baptist business begins in the church. Under their polity the organization is an inverted triangle, with the churches at the top, and in control. The associations, the state conventions, and the national denomination all are the creatures of the churches, and responsible to the churches.

Churches handle much of their business in regular business meetings, but some things cannot be cared for that way.

They must depend upon committees and individuals to do most of the work which is done. Otherwise, the churches quickly would be bogged down with details, which smaller groups could deal with much more effectively.

The same thing is true with the denomination. It would be utterly impossible for all of the detail of a great denominational program to be directed from a convention floor. The convention elects boards, committees and commissions, and executive and other personnel to carry on its work.

In Mississippi we have a State Convention Board which expedites the mission program which has been adopted by the state convention. We also have boards to direct the work of the institutions, and committees and commissions to carry on their work.

The state Convention Board has three regular meetings each year, and more if they are required. At its first annual meeting it chooses an Executive Committee which carries on the work of the convention through the year. The convention board sets the programs and policies, on the basis of the larger program which has been established by the convention itself, and then the Executive Committee handles the details of the program, with convention board personnel, under the direction of the Executive Secretary-Treasurer, carrying them out.

Two weeks ago I watched the Southern Baptist Convention in action as it debated issues, and made decisions concerning its work. Last week I sat for several hours in a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, listening as Dr. Kelly and members of the committee discussed many matters relating to Mississippi Baptists and their work.

Where it was possible for the committee to make decisions, under the authority which has been delegated to it by the convention, it did so. Those matters which require action by the convention board were discussed, but will be carried to the board itself for action.

The meetings of the Convention Board and the Executive Committee are open meetings, and thus may be attended by the press or any interested Baptist pastor or layman. Nothing is done behind closed doors, for these boards and committees are conducting convention business under the direction of the convention. They work under the principle that every Mississippi Baptist has a right to know what is being done.

It is under this same principle that the financial records of the convention are open so that the people can know how every penny is spent. The books are audited each year. Any church or any pastor or layman may visit the business office and see the record of his or her church, or the records of expenditures as they are made.

Mississippi Executive Secretary-Treasurers through the years have operated on the principle that the people have a right to know. Dr. Kelly has stated publicly that he wants all meetings to be fully open to the Baptists of the state, and that any Baptist is welcome to any meeting.

The Baptist Record, as the official journal of Mississippi Baptists, seeks faithfully to report on actions taken by various boards and committees. Its purpose is to keep the Baptist people fully informed concerning their programs.

This, then, is how Mississippi Baptist and Southern Baptist work is done. The churches, church elected messengers, or chosen committees and boards, direct all of the work. All is done on the basis of principles adopted by messengers sent from the churches.

You could not have anything much more democratic than that.



If He Is To Rise To New Heights

#### THE BAPTIST FORUM

##### Writes In Interest

##### Of Retired People

##### Who Are Lonely

Dear Sirs:

I am writing in the interest of retired people who are left alone in the world without children, lose their loved ones, and no one ever comes to see them. I get so lonesome I have to cry so much, only God knows what we have to go through with.

I had waited on my husband three years. He passed away February 6, 1973. We would have been married fifty years on July 1, 1973. I love my church. I love my God. I serve him the best way I can. I can drive my car and go where I want to. And they tell me I am not sick and can go wherever I want to, but something is wrong, some where.

I know I used to do lots of visiting to people that didn't have children. And what is life or a home if the only time people come is when you invite them or they want something, or something is wrong? The commandment, 'Love your neighbor as yourself,' is certainly being broken more than ever before.

I am older than any of the neighbors (if I live until the 23rd of October I will be 70 years old). Most people seem to be caught up in their own affairs, hurrying off. They say they have to work all the time. It seems I don't have but one friend, and that is our heavenly Father, and if we didn't have him to depend on we sure would be in a terrible condition.

I would sure like to know what others know about this. I know who is watching over me.

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A Woman's World Reaches Far  
**Beyond the Ironing Board**

Wilda Fancher

It is a cloudy, dark Sunday afternoon, barely raining. The world is very dark green because the grass and trees and shrubs are wet-clean from the night rain. Still and stately best describe the way the woods behind our house are today, serene and sad to those who do not like rainy days, serene and almost sacred to those of us who do like rainy days. The birds sing with joy while the rain droplets roll from their waterproofed coats.

Even neighborhood noises are muted and muffled. From the highway a block away come motor sounds which seem to be pushed down to the earth and softened a bit instead of zinging along sound waves high in the air. It is probably exactly the kind of afternoon I need to prepare me for the kind of week I have ahead. It is a very unusual week for me, and I may come apart before it is over.

Now, you are expecting me to tell you some horrendous experience waiting for me or someone I love, aren't you? It's quite the opposite, really, though. This is the first week since back in early December which I can call my own — a week when the calendar contains only one appointment outside my regular routine. I just may not be able to cope with leisure. Of course, there are appointments beyond this week for which I must complete preparation, but there will be some hours this week to do what I would like to do — starting with a double roll of wall paper (yes, lavender) and a book of crossword puzzles. Then the next week James and the two boys who are not in summer school will go away for a brief vacation trip.

What's my point? Times of rest and relaxation are scarce in our busy world, yours and mine. Too often when we find them, we are so wound up and far behind that we have a hard time letting our bodies and spirits take the time off. So I sit here, thinking about times in the Bible when people were told to rest in the Lord, and I thank God for this quiet, wet, peaceful afternoon to help me get ready for a vacation. My experiences will be varied, and I am fortunate that this year I will have a change in scenery — many years this is not possible for us — I will look at things as insignificant as bitterweeds on the side of the road and things as magnificent as mountains on the side of the world; I will hear sounds as commonplace as the voices of my family and as unusual as the voices of the wilderness; I will see old friends and converse with strangers; I will watch artisans at work in skills as old as my country and will look at the products of man's newest knowledge. In it all, I will know the leadership of God, turning our steps toward what we need to look at, listen to, and participate in.

And you know what, don't you? The best part of the whole two weeks will be when Huts puts into our hearts and minds that marvelous urge to head for home, almost unable to wait to get back into busy days that we could hardly wait to get away from.

Else, what's a vacation for? — Box 9151, Jackson, Ms. 39206.

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#### On The MORAL SCENE...

CONCERNED SIGHT-SEEING — "Visitors to Washington, D. C., this summer will have a new kind of tourist guide — consumer advocate Ralph Nader. Nader plans to open a 'Public Citizen Visitors Center,' designed, he says, to make tourists 'issue-oriented.' He wants travelers, besides eying monuments, to watch auto-safety movies, buttonhole congressmen and sit in on regulatory hearings." — Newsweek, May 20, 1974

#### NEWEST BOOKS

**BEING CREATIVE** by Manell and Susie Zeehl (Broadman, paper, \$1.95) Being creative for one person may mean something different to another. But every person has a sense of creativity. This book is meant to stimulate youth to take hold and identify creativity as a way of life — "God in you living out his purpose." It is a book for people who are not afraid of a new idea.

CHURCH MEMBER TRAINING MAN-

UAL by Margaret Sharp (Convention Press, paper, 88 pp., Church Study Course) This manual is designed to give director and other leaders of church member training guidelines for carrying out this important task. Motivation and direction are also provided to help correlate all age-group training into a comprehensive member training program.

LEARNING TO LISTEN, LORD by Harold Rogers (Word Books, paper, 104 pp.)

**Mississippi Journeyman****Nurse Fills "Parent-Image" For Motherless African Girl**

GATOOMA, Rhodesia—Six-year-old motherless Rhodesian girl, Kapudzi, was sick with a respiratory infection when Southern Baptist missionary journeyman nurse Guy Lockhart found her. Miss Lockhart helped care for her and even "adopted" her for a few months until Kapudzi's father could be located.

Kapudzi was six-years-old, frightened and very sick with a respiratory infection when her father brought her to the out-patient clinic here where Miss Lockhart is stationed as a Southern Baptist missionary journeyman nurse.

Kapudzi needed to be admitted to the hospital, but her father said there was no one to stay with her except her older small children at home.

As they started to leave, the child collapsed, too weak to ride home on her father's bicycle. The young nurse

carried Kapudzi on her back to her own home. She fed the little girl and her father and finally convinced him to let Kapudzi stay in the hospital.

That night Miss Lockhart and the little African girl made their beds side-by-side on the concrete hospital room floor, each with a thin blanket and Miss Lockhart using her thick Bible for a pillow.

"I watched Kapudzi as she slept," Miss Lockhart said, "knowing that surely she too was cold, tired and uncomfortable. As I moved to try to wrap myself around her thin, sick little body, a mother's love dawned within."

Kapudzi's brother came to take care of her, but he too was admitted. Two weeks later they were both

transferred to the Tuberculosis Hospital.

That was in June, 1973. In August the brother was released and his father came to take him home. It wasn't until late November that Kapudzi was finally released and she returned to the clinic a healthy little girl with a smile on her face.

Miss Lockhart spent two days trying to find her home, only to learn that her father had moved.

"We turned from her old home and headed back," Miss Lockhart states, "and when I looked at her face, the smile was still there. Perhaps she knew, surely she knew, even then, how much we all loved her."

Kapudzi moved into Miss Lock-

hart's home.

"Each new day we were all given opportunities to simply love her, and perhaps that is what she needed the most," the journeyman nurse continued. "She played every day with the missionary kids here, and though of two different languages, customs and backgrounds, they developed a very special friendship, knitted together by the kind of love that God has enabled only a child to give."

Her father finally came for her in January. Before leaving, plans were made for her to return a few weeks later to enroll to start school.

She returned too late for school one afternoon in February, sick again.

Miss Lockhart felt that Kapudzi could not live many more years unless her home life changed, unless her father began to take responsibility for her physical needs.

Again Kapudzi was sent to the tuberculosis hospital, where she is now. But this time it's different.

The father waiting on the outside for her was not the man he used to be. That February afternoon when he brought Kapudzi to the clinic he became a Christian.

"And so," writes Miss Lockhart, "God answered my prayers for that little African girl, by changing her father."

**Miss Guy Lockhart**, missionary journeyman to Rhodesia, has completed her term of service and returned to the States. She may be addressed at 1802 Myrtle, Jackson, Miss. 39202, her hometown.

**MEHAL MEDA**, Ethiopia—Southern Baptist missionaries here led a five-day Bible conference for priests and deacons of the Orthodox Church in the surrounding area. Sixty-five priests and deacons came long distances and boarded at the community hall.



This year marks the 50th year anniversary of unrestricted conferral of degrees on women at Mississippi College. Two members of the 1924 class were on hand at the college recently to receive Golden Anniversary diplomas from Dr. Lewis Nobles (center), college president. The two returnees were Mrs. John M. King, Sr., of Clinton (left) and Mrs. Louella Landrum Crawford (right), a Clinton native now living in Houston, Texas. There were only seven young women in the 1924 class, while this year 236 women received degrees. (M. C. Photo by Rosa Lee Harden)

**"Formerly Marrieds" Needs Target On New Alta Woods Church Ministry In Jackson**

By Sidney D. Comer

Ministering to special needs—that's what Alta Woods Church's work with formerly married adults is all about.

The story does not end there, however. The group also is one of the fastest growing organizations of the 2,200-plus member congregation.

The class, currently known as the "Formerly Marrieds" Class, has met for some three years now, but only recently has really blossomed forth under the leadership of Mrs. Jack Stanley.

The "Formerly Marrieds" Class is made up of individuals who have been married, but no longer are because of separation, divorce or being widowed.

"Some statistics report that one of every three marriages today is ending up in divorce," comments Marlan Seward, minister of education at Alta Woods, Jackson.

"We want to do all that is possible to prevent a divorce, but since they are happening anyhow, we want to minister to the obvious needs of those who experience them," Seward added.

Dr. Charles E. Myers, pastor of the southwest Jackson congregation, indicated a like feeling about ministering to the group.

"I feel that our ministry must be redemptive. These people have faced a peculiar crisis and our ministry is to help them through this period of rebuilding," said the pastor.

When the group first began its recent startling growth last fall, Mrs. Stanley started with just a handful of prospects and members, many of whom were not really active in the church program.

"Many of our class members just didn't feel they fit into the regular married adult groups," said Mrs. Stanley, who then went on to say that lessons presented in the regular departments aimed at meeting the normal family's needs many times did not really help the single parent rearing a family.

Consequently, when Mrs. Stanley began her efforts last fall through a Sunday School class meeting in the television lounge of the Family Center, she really worked to make the Scripture lessons and their applications fit the needs of the formerly married individuals and their families.

She also assured them of the church's interest in them and their problems.

Dr. Myers also played a vital role in working with the class in counseling with its members, visiting prospects and providing leadership.

Apparently the message began to get through and around. "Formerly Marrieds" began telling their formerly married friends of the class. Visits and phone calls were made.

The class of four or five persons a Sunday grew to 10 and then 20 and then 30.

It now has almost 40 members, averaging about 30 a Sunday in attend-

a.m. and 6 p.m.

All interested "Formerly Marrieds" are invited to attend the class or call the church at 372-8851 to request a brochure on the class.

**New Orleans Seminary Honors Mississippian**

J. Hoffman Harris, pastor of Briarlake Church, Decatur, Ga., was presented the Faculty Outstanding Alumnus Award for 1974 at the annual New Orleans Seminary alumni luncheon June 12 in Dallas. Harris was formerly pastor at Trinity, Biloxi.

The alumni elected Gil Barrow, pastor of First Church, Leesburg, Fla., as their new president. Barrow, who had been serving as president-elect, succeeds Bernard Weaver of Lithia Springs, Ga. Barrow is a graduate of MC and married to a Mississippian.

In his keynote address, Dr. Ray Rust, acting seminary president, brought the alumni up to date on the seminary's three construction projects: the 21,000 square-foot addition to the library, the renovation of the Frost Building and the erection of a spire on Leavell Chapel. He added that a little more than \$20,000 was needed to complete the spire fund.

The New Orleans Seminary board of trustees, convening in Dallas for a called meeting June 11, approved the employment of two new professors, Dr. Bradford Curry of Ft. Pierce, Fla., and Dr. Carroll Benton Freeman Sr. of Hattiesburg, Miss.

Dr. Freeman, native of Petal, who will assume the position of associate professor of psychology and counseling, is area coordinator for the Mississippi Council on Aging and a professional therapist for the West Alabama Mental Health Assoc.



**LISTENING INTENTLY** — Mrs. Nell Stanley (standing) listens intently as a member of the "Formerly Marrieds" Class at Alta Woods Church comments on a point during a Sunday School lesson. The class, one of the fastest growing groups of the 2,200-plus member congregation, is working hard at meeting the very special needs of its formerly married members and prospects.



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**50th Anniversary: Degrees For Women At MC**

CLINTON — The 1974 graduation ceremonies of Mississippi College marked an interesting 50 year anniversary of the general conferral of degrees upon women students.

In 1924, there were seven young women who graduated in the first unrestricted conferral of degrees upon women. In the 50th anniversary of this event held recently, there were 236 women graduates.

Mississippi College was founded in 1826 with male and female departments. This made the college an early day example of co-ordination of divisions for men and women students, of which Harvard and Radcliffe are the best known examples. The records reveal that two young women received degrees in 1832. They were Lucinda Bagley of Covington, La., and Caroline H. Coulter of Vicksburg. Mississippi College is purported to be the first coeducational college in the country to grant degrees to a woman.

The idea evidently proved to be either unpopular or impractical, for soon thereafter the college became an all-male institution with nearby Hill-

man College being the college to which young women students went.

Following those early years of the college, the only three young women graduated prior to 1924 were either daughters of professors or, in one instance, a close relative. Anna Ward Aven, now Mrs. William Whittington, Sr., of Greenwood, received a degree in 1905 and was pictured in the first annual of the college (1907) as the only female graduate of the college. Miss Ely Steele received a degree in 1917, and Miss Margaret Latimer received a degree in 1922 along with her twin brother, John Latimer.

The Mississippi Baptist Convention, in 1922, authorized the admission of young women students only to the junior and senior classes of Mississippi College. This was done because, at that time, neither of the Convention's colleges for women had been accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges, whereas in that year Mississippi College had received accreditation.

Practically all of the seven young women graduates in the 1924 class

**Bishop Installed****Baptists In Washington Ceremony**

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

At least one Baptist deacon marched in the colorful procession that preceded the installation of Bishop John Allin of the Diocese of Mississippi as presiding bishop of the 3.2-million member Episcopal Church.

Governor Bill Waller, a deacon in First Church, Jackson, and around 150 other representatives of the people of Mississippi, followed the Mississippi flag into the people-packed Cathedral Church of Saint Peter and Saint Paul in Washington, D. C. on June 11. Newspapers reported that a 500 Mississippians were among the 3,000 that watched the elaborate pageant.

"Not since the state of Mississippi produced two Miss Americas, more or less in a row, has the Magnolia State been so pleased with itself as now," wrote Henry Mitchell in The Washington Post.

At the Mississippi Banquet given in honor of Bishop Allin on Monday night, June 10, a prominent Baptist entertainer from Yazoo City was on the program. Jerry Clover in his flashy yellow suit was guest speaker. Governor and Mrs. Waller were also among the many Mississippians at the banquet in the Palladian Room of the Shoreham-American.

Almost 700, clergy and laity, took part in the series of processions that began the installation service on Tuesday morning. These included leaders in the Episcopal Church; Anglican leaders from at least five countries abroad (Belgium, Japan,



WASHINGTON, D. C. — The majestic Gothic interior of the Washington Cathedral provides the setting as a procession enters during the installation of the Rt. Rev. John Maury Allin as the 23rd Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church. (RNS Photo)

Scotland, England, and several African nations); and representatives of 18 other U. S. churches, Protestant and Catholic.

Clergymen's cloaks splashed color across the immense cathedral—in reds and yellows, blues, purples, and greens.

Dean Francis Sayre of the Washington Cathedral and others gathered at the west doors where they awaited the traditional knock as the presiding bishop-elect entered.

Before taking the oath of office, Bishop Allin took part in an ancient procedure of facing the various points of the compass. He was conducted to the north and south and east and west and presented to the people. He then was escorted to his stall—or "installed."

In the music for the service the traditional was blended with the modern. Drums, trumpets, timpani, choirs from four cities, and the big pipe organ (John Paul, organist, from St. Andrews Cathedral in Jackson) all made much of this most festive of Episcopal occasions.

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**Hoffmeyer Joins Louisiana Paper As Associate Editor**

ALEXANDRIA, La. (BP) — Oscar Hoffmeyer Jr., assistant professor of journalism at Baylor University, Waco, Tex., since 1969, has been named associate editor of the *Baptist Message*, state paper for Louisiana Southern Baptists.

Before teaching at Baylor, Hoffmeyer was director of news services and a journalism instructor at Louisiana College, a Baptist school in Pineville, La. He has also served as director of public relations for the Missouri Baptist Children's Home, St. Louis, and as a copy editor for the *Times-Picayune* in New Orleans.

Hoffmeyer is a graduate of Baylor, where he majored in journalism and religion, and holds a master's degree in religious education from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and a master of arts degree in journalism from East Texas State University, Commerce, Tex.



Governor Bill Waller presents an Outstanding Mississippian Award to Bishop John Maury Allin. Governor and Mrs. Waller and Lieutenant Governor William Winter and Mrs. Winter led a delegation of state officials to the nation's capital for the occasion.

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NAZARETH, Israel — Akbar Abdul-Haq, a native of India and the son of a converted Muslim priest, recently concluded a two-week series of meetings here and throughout Israel. Now associated with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Team, Haqq spoke at the chapel hour of the Nazareth Baptist High School, at the Nazareth Baptist church and delivered the baccalaureate address for the graduating class of the Nazareth Baptist schools.

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**Clear Creek Dedicates Fellowship Hall**

Clear Creek (Wayne) (top photo) has dedicated the fellowship hall and other improvements. The church has since 1972 installed central heat and air, carpeted the sanctuary, and bricked the entire church. At the time of the dedication service the church was debt-free. Pictured left to right are Mary Lo Vaughn, Mabrey Graham, Robert L. Graham, Joyce Stanley, Percy Waller, Ruth West, Building committee; Billy Ray Blackwell, pastor; Wilson W. Boggan, associational missionary.

**Pearl River Association Building Debt Free**

The Pearl River Association observed a note-burning ceremony for their mission building on May 19. The association bought the building in 1972 for \$12,000. This is an office building with secretarial space, two offices, and conference room, on Highway 11 at Carriere. Left to right: Rev. George Lee, foster missionary; Norman Sims, trustee; Rev. James Smith, moderator; Rev. Bill Duncan, missions committee chairman; C. C. Barefoot, who led in the dedication prayer; F. S. Lumpkin, Sr., from whom the building was purchased; Dr. Robert Barnes, chairman of finances; A. R. Sumrall, trustee; Rev. William Gary Smith. (The lady to the extreme right is Mrs. Myrtle Porter, Association secretary.)

**1st. Pontotoc Building Payments Complete**

First Church, Pontotoc, recently held a note-burning ceremony to commemorate the full payment of indebtedness on the four-story education building completed in 1968. Participants (pictured) were W. L. Carpenter, Finance Committee Chairman; Mrs. Ben Hurt, whose late husband was Chairman of the overall building program; Dr. W. Levon Moore, pastor, and Floyd McCullough, chairman of deacons. The burning of the note symbolized the payment of \$120,000 in approximately five years. Dr. Moore states, "It is significant that during this five years the church gave more to world missions than it had ever given in any other five-year period."

**Immanuel Church, Columbus, Breaks Ground**

Immanuel Church, Columbus, observed a groundbreaking ceremony on June 9. The church is planning immediate construction of a multi-purpose building that will be educational, recreational and will also contain a garage to maintain their buses. There will be two stories of educational rooms which will house 300 children, a kitchen, gymnasium and the garage. The building will have space for three children's worship services. A phased program of construction will eventually include two more buildings for educational purposes. The church, ideally located across from Leigh Mall and with a large bus ministry, is rapidly growing. Pictured are Pastor Jerry E. File, Ben Yarber, chairman of deacons, and Steve Porter, Chairman of the Building Committee, in foreground.

**First, Biloxi, Leases Billboards**

Biloxi, Miss., has leased two billboards—one on Highway 90 and one on the back bay. Mose Dangerfield, minister of education, says, "This is something new in our area church promotion." Copy is changed every two months. Crawford Advertising Company works with the church on designing the billboard messages. Sometimes their material is used, with only the church's name added, but the picture above was designed by the church, and the ad company's artist drew it. Rev. Frank Gunn is the pastor.

**Old Hebron Gives Car To Pastor Bilbo**

In appreciation for faithful services rendered, Old Hebron Church recently presented their pastor, Rev. R. G. Bilbo, a 1974 automobile. At the time Mr. Bilbo assumed the pastorate of the church the resident membership was 134. Now it is 175. Old Hebron is one of the oldest churches in the Jeff Davis Association, having been organized in 1821. Mr. Bilbo is a native of Hancock County, having formerly served pastorates in Neshoba, Issaquena, and Rankin. Above, the chairman of deacons of Old Hebron presents the keys to the new car to Pastor Bilbo, as his wife, and deacons look on. (L-to-R) Rev. and Mrs. Bilbo, Clyde Cole, Glenn Bridges, D. B. Quinn, Lloyd Stevenson. (Not pictured are deacons Buddy Stevenson, E. L. Daughdrill and D. B. Walker.)

**MP&L MAG****Features MC**

Mississippi College is among the nine four-year private institutions of higher learning spotlighted in the Spring-Summer issue of **HELPING BUILD MISSISSIPPI**, a quarterly public service magazine of Mississippi Power and Light Co.

Founded in 1828 and the state's oldest senior college, Mississippi College is featured on the cover of the magazine with a full color photograph of the historic Provine Chapel, home of the Division of Religion. Robert Wall, director of church relations, was the photographer.

In its salute to the four-year private colleges, the publication traces the early history of education in Mississippi, provides interesting information on each institution, and spotlights some of the graduates that have been turned out by the colleges.

**HELPING BUILD MISSISSIPPI** is edited by Herbert L. Carver, a Mississippi College alumnus, with Mrs. Katherine Baier Nelson serving as associate editor.

**Eugene Chamberlain****Announced As****Manuscript Analyst**

NASHVILLE (BP) — Eugene Chamberlain, a children's worker at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board for 14 years, has been named manuscript analyst in the board's church services and materials division.

Chamberlain, coordinating editor in the children's section of the Sunday School department since 1972, assumes his duties as manuscript analyst June 16. He succeeds Lynn M. Davis Jr. who has become coordinator of program planning coordinator working with the Southern Baptist Convention Inter-Agency Council.

According to Morton Rose, assistant to the director of the division, Chamberlain will be responsible for making analyses of church literature manuscripts. His duties will include work with doctrinal readers outside the board's employ, plus assisting editors with information and practices concerning writers for church literature manuscripts.

A native Texan, Chamberlain is a graduate of Southern Methodist University, Dallas, and holds the bachelor of divinity degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

**Joins Staff At First, Glendale**

First Church, Glendale has called Rev. Donald V. Parker as full-time minister of education and youth. He and his wife, Kathy, moved to the Glendale area from Shreveport, La., where he served in a similar position at Calvary since 1972. Born in Hattiesburg, he has a twin brother, Ronnie Parker, who is minister of music and youth at Foxworth Church. He is the son of Rev. and Mrs. James E. Parker; his father is pastor of Calvary (Gulf Coast).

He received his BA degree from William Carey College and graduated with honors from New Orleans Seminary with a Master of Theology degree.

While a student at Carey, he was ordained by Main Street Church and served as pastor of Leaf Church in Greene County. (He was named Mr. Carey College in 1969.)

Mrs. Parker will continue her education as a student at Carey. A reception was held recently to welcome them by the church family.

**Bay Vista Begins Education Building**

Bay Vista Church, Biloxi, recently held a groundbreaking and dedication ceremony for a new two-story education building. Included in the structure will be a recreational area. The building is expected to be complete by January, 1975. Pictured are the Building Committee: Quinton Jenkins, Jerry Sensing, Marvin Turnipseed, Walt Racey, chairman, Chaplain N. B. Saucier, who offered the dedication prayer, Bob Davidson, Lloyd Easterling, consultant; and Rev. Allen Stephens, pastor.



As Fredonia breaks ground, the pastor, Rev. Tommy Wilder, is shown with shovel in hand. Building Committee members to right of pastor are Talmadge Whitehead, Kereth Weeden, Edgar Hall, and Johnson Girsham.

**Fredonia (Union) Adds Needed Space**

Fredonia Church near New Albany broke ground recently for a new education building that will provide classroom space for 60 to 70 more in Sunday School, give the church a fellowship hall that will seat 125 at tables, and add a new kitchen. The new structure will be as large as the church's present auditorium.

Pastor Tommy Wilder states, "This building can be utilized at once due to a steady increase in church additions and attendance. The present building is already filled to capacity due to a rapid growth period during the past 18 months."

Sunday School attendance has increased, from the low 70's to over 100

average. Church Training has shown a leaping increase from the 30's to the 80's. Wednesday night services now average approximately 70% of Sunday School attendance week to week.

Due to a recent Budget Adoption Program the church on June 2 adopted its first budget. "Materials from the state Stewardship Department made this project a blessing rather than a task," says the pastor.

He reports that the church entered a building fund campaign in February and says that as a result of steady sacrifice on the part of all members the fund has already reached approximately 70% of the total estimated.

**Rogers Suffers Heart Attacks; Return To State**

Due to a recent series of heart attacks, Rev. H. S. Rogers, formerly pastor in Mississippi, plans to return to the state from Kentucky. He is now pastor of Middleton Church, Franklin, Kentucky. The doctors have advised him to wait for at least a few months before resuming any great activity.

Mr. and Mrs. Rogers have purchased a home in Ridgeland and will move into it about the 15th of July. (The address and phone number will be made known as soon as possible, he states.)

Mr. Rogers has had an unusual ministry in that he retired from the Air Force before accepting the call to preach. Nearly every church he has pastored has doubled or tripled in membership while he served them.

He is the "father of the church bus ministry," having begun it with an old army "carry-all" in Simpson County. Since then his churches have all used the bus ministry and incorporated the idea of the Children's Church service. He has pastored Holly Grove, Wiggins, Freeny, Gore Springs, Beacon Street in Philadelphia, First, Boyle, and First, Nesbit (near Memphis). In his latter years of service he has been blessed by being able to conduct a baptismal service prior to the Doxology at the opening portion of each morning service, and many evening services.

Pastor Rogers, since developing a heart ailment, is launching into a new project. He is seeking all possible information on a position he has entitled the "Professional Interim Pastor." Noting that many churches have unfortunate experiences in overcoming the departure of their pastors he proposes to help prepare them for the calling of the new pastor. He believes an interim pastor owes the church more than an occasional visit and two sermons on Sunday. His new book will propose a plan for reviewing the existing organizational structure and correcting it where needed, a training program for the deacons, study of the bus ministry where needed and training of the bus ministry personnel. Everything possible will be done before the new pastor is found and called to develop a soul winning body of baptized believers.

In addition, he will be available for supply work when not engaged in the field of interim pastorship.

He may be contacted at Middleton Road Baptist Church, Middleton Rd., Franklin, Ky until about July 1. After that, call Jackson, Miss. 333-3338 for source of location.

**Juniper Grove Open House**

Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Rhodes and their two children are pictured inside the newly redecorated parsonage at Juniper Grove Church, Pearl River Association. The pastor's home was reworked and repainted before the Rhodes family moved in on May 1. Open house was held Sunday afternoon, May 26, with refreshments served by ladies of the church.

**Carriage Hills Has 1,000th Addition**

Rev. J. B. Miller, left, pastor of Carriage Hills, Southaven, is shown receiving Wendell Gray for baptism, for the 1,000th person who has joined the church since he became pastor 6½ years ago. Over 300 of these have been for baptism.

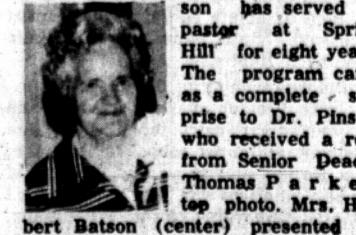
**Bruce Pastor Gets Doctorate, Trip**

A reception was given recently at First Church, Bruce honoring the pastor, Dr. L. E. Gandy, upon his graduation from New Orleans Seminary where he earned the Doctor of Ministry degree. In appreciation of Dr. Gandy and his family, the church presented him with a check for trip to Holy Land for him and Mrs. Gandy. They left June 18 and will return July 4. Left to right, chairman of deacons, Tillman Shelton and Dr. Gandy.

**Pin A Rose On Me**

The other Sunday night the Spring Hill Church at Martinsville in Copiah County held a surprise appreciation night for Dr. E. R. Pinson, professor emeritus of the Bible Department at Mississippi College. Dr. Pinson has served as pastor at Spring Hill for eight years.

The program came as a complete surprise to Dr. Pinson, who received a rose from Senior Deacon Thomas Parker. Herbert Batson (center) presented a scrap book of notes from church members covering Dr. Pinson's tenure. Mrs. R. G. Prine, (bottom) the church treasurer, presented a check. Miss Susan Jones presented a corsage to Mrs. Pinson (insert). Rev. Herbert Batson sang a solo "The Long I Serve Him" and dedicated it to Dr. and Mrs. Pinson. (Photos by Ray Izard.)



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# Paul Writes Of God's Redeeming Grace

By Clifton J. Allen

**Ephesians 1**  
Ephesians is thought by some persons to be the greatest of Paul's letters. Its thought is profound; its relevance to the Christian life is challenging.

The revelation of truth in Ephesians reaches back to God's purpose of grace before the beginning of time and stretches forward to the fulfillment of God's purpose for the proclamation of the gospel through the church to all mankind.

ne of the great words of this letter is the unmerited love and mercy of God bestowed upon sinners. Grace is the clue to God's saving work.

Christ and the clue to the Christian experience of salvation. The study of these three lessons from Ephesians will lead to a deeper understanding of this great word and to a personal involvement in a life worthy of the calling of grace and in the stewardship of the gospel of grace. If the thought of God's grace does not fill with the highest spiritual aspirations, there is no motivation to cause us for doing the will of God.

## The Lesson Explained

## A LETTER TO US (vv. 1-2)

Paul begins his letter with the customary salutation and greeting. He identifies himself as the apostle of Christ. He had been captured by Christ and made an apostle by the will of God. Paul identified his readers as "saints." Saints were believers with a deep sense of belonging to God and under obligation to live in keeping with his purpose. The phrase "in Ephesus" does not appear in the oldest and best Greek manuscripts. Seemingly, in the providence of God, the copy going to the church in Ephesus was the one preserved and the one that became a part of the section of Paul's letters. It seems appropriate therefore to think especially of this letter in terms of its timeless and universal message, one of relevance for us, one having in unique measure a revelation from God to Christians in the present time. Paul included grace and peace in his invocation of blessing. Grace is the basis of our redemption, and peace is the wonderful outcome of our reconciliation to God in Christ.

## GOD'S PURPOSE FROM ETERNITY (vv. 3-6)

Paul began with an outburst of praise. The apostle traced the beginnings of redemption back to divine initiative in eternity. God anticipat-

ed man's ruin in sin and devised the means for man's redemption. The design of God for the redemption of the world was revealed in and accomplished through Jesus Christ. All that Christ did, however, was the expression of the grace of God and of the eternal purpose of God. Paul is simply emphasizing the truth of divine election. While Paul emphasizes here the truth of election and predestination, there is nothing to suggest arbitrary purpose or spirit on the part of God the Father. We were chosen, but we were free and responsible in the acceptance of grace and the exercise of faith. We have nothing of which to boast. We were chosen because of God's love, and we were chosen with the expectation that we should be holy and blameless in the sight of God.

## REDEMPTION THROUGH CHRIST (vv. 7-10)

God chose us in love. Redemption or deliverance from sin came through the death of Christ on the cross. It is through his blood or the gift of his life that we receive the forgiveness of sins. As Paul thought of that, he could speak only of the riches of grace lavished on us "in all wisdom and prudence." We ourselves can never comprehend the wonder of God's wondrous redemption, but we recog-

nize it as an expression of God's wisdom, as the mystery of his will, and as the fulfillment of his purpose from eternity to bring all things into unity and fulfillment in Jesus Christ. The ultimate outcome of the eternal purpose of grace and of the saving work of Christ on earth will be the bringing together of everything broken and divided and fragmented, inclusive of things in heaven and things in earth, into the unity of the lordship of Christ.

## PLEDGE OF FULL SALVATION (vv. 11-14)

God's salvation was meant to be inclusive of both Jew and Gentile, that together Jew and Gentile might live for the praise of the glory of Christ. All that God intended and accomplished through Christ is made effective in human experience by the activity of the Holy Spirit. He makes the word of truth an indictment of conscience, an encouragement to faith, and the power of decision. The Holy Spirit within us is the guarantee or pledge or "first installment" of the inheritance we are to receive in the world to come. Because we have the Holy Spirit, we have assurance of full salvation. The life we now enjoy is a foretaste of the fuller life yet to be through our inheritance as the children of light.

## Revival Dates

**First, Sardis:** June 30 - July 7; Rev. Jerry Autrey of Pensacola, Florida, son of Dr. C. E. Autrey, who for many years was director of Evangelism for Southern Baptists, evangelist, Wayne Brown of Memphis, Tennessee, church music director, singer; service times 7:15 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. G. C. "Bill" Cox, pastor.

**Eret (Wayne):** July 1-12; service at night only; Rev. T. E. Williams, Evangelist; Rev. L. J. Fairchild, interim pastor.

**Big Ridge, Biloxi:** July 28 - 30, lay - Renewal weekend; services each night 7:30; Vendell Graham, Laurel, coordinator; Rev. Robert M. Carlisle, pastor.

**McCondy Church (Chickasaw):** July 7 - 12. Rev. Roy McHenry, First Church, Okolona, evangelist; Rev. Paul Jones, pastor, in charge of the music.

**First, Macon:** June 30 - July 2; Dr. R. G. Lee, the Prince of Preachers, evangelist; Dr. Edwin McNeely, the Master of Church Music, music director; services Sunday 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Monday and Tuesday 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Hugh L. Poole, pastor.

**Easthaven Church, Brookhaven:** July 13-17; Buddy Mathis Crusade; services July 14 at 10:45 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. and July 15-17 at 7:30 p.m. (from Pascagoula, Buddy is one of America's youngest evangelists; he is presently enrolled as a student of Mississippi College.) Rev. Robert M. Hanvey, pastor.

**Prospect (Perry):** July 22 - 27; services at 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Dennis Allen of Poplarville, evangelist; Rev. Dexter Trueblood, pastor; Johnny Courtney, music director; Gay Young, Marie Draughn, pianist, and organist; homecoming will be celebrated Sunday, July 21, with dinner on the grounds and guest speaker, Rev. Clayton Mason.

**New Fellowship (Jasper):** July 14-19; Rev. Lewis Metts, Greer, S. C., evangelist; Rev. Claude Killian, pastor; Bob Boggan, minister of music; Jan Williams, pianist.

**Pulaski Church:** family life revival June 30 - July 3; Dr. Walter D. Draughon, Jr., dean, BBI, Graceville, Fla., evangelist; Walter D. Draughon, III, student at Samford Univ., Birmingham, singer; Rev. Derral J. Foreman, pastor; Sunday services at 11 and 7:30; Mon. - Wed. at 7:30 p.m.; (also on Sunday - dinner on the grounds at 12:15; dedication service at 1:30 p.m., and sacred music concert at 6:30 p.m.)

**Roseland Park (Pearl River):** June 30 - July 5; Rev. Jerry Mixon of Petal, evangelist; minister of Music of Roseland Park Church Jane Tagert, leading singing; Sunday dinner on the grounds with services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; weekly services 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Dale Patterson, pastor.

**Meadville:** July 8-14; services at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Dr. Harold Bryson, pastor of First, Carthage, evangelist; Jimmy Bilbo, music director; Rev. Jerry Slonaker, pastor.

**West Jackson, Jackson:** July 7-12; Sunday services 11 and 7; weekday at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Luther Slay, Faith Church, Wichita Falls, Tex., evangelist; Harold Smith, of West Jackson Church, Tupelo, singer; Rev. Dewitt Mitchell, pastor.

**Heart Attack Claims Minister**

Ernest F. Scott, 59, of Bude, died of an apparent heart attack June 11, while mowing his lawn.

A neighbor found him lying on the lawn immediately after he was fatally struck.

This is so practical. Why do we not try to do what God's word says?

He was in government service 38 years with the U. S. Forest Service. At the time of his death he was Timber Sale Manager on the Bude District of the Homochitto National Forest. A Baptist minister, Mr. Scott was pastor of Springhill Baptist Church at Knoxville for a number of years. In recent months he had assisted his home church, Pleasant Valley, with evening services on Sundays.

He was born in Franklin county June 17, 1914, son of Mrs. T. J. Scott and the late Mr. Scott. He was married to the former Marjorie Dickeron, who survives.

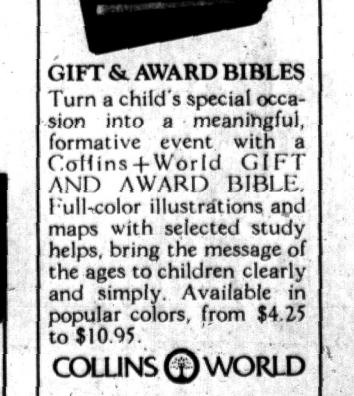
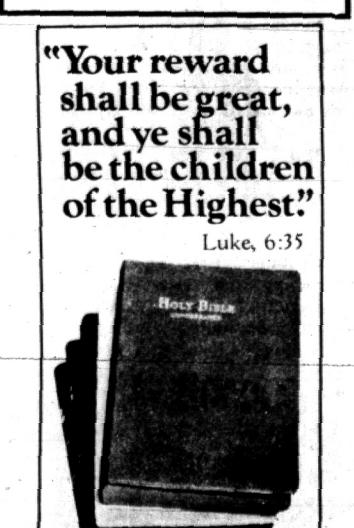
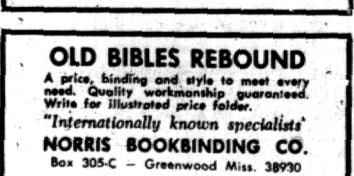
Other survivors include four brothers, and four sisters.

Funeral services were June 13 from Pleasant Valley Church.



## Scholarship Fund Established

Mrs. Lawrence Tyndale Lowrey of Baton Rouge, La., has established the Lorey B. Eastland Scholarship Fund at New Orleans Seminary in memory of her first husband, Mr. Eastland, an outstanding Christian businessman, was president of the seminary board of trustees for three years, 1947-1950. Here Dr. Ray P. Rust (left), acting president of the seminary, presents Mrs. Lowrey with a plaque in recognition of her deferred gift. Looking on is Dr. Russell M. McIntire, director of development.



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## Sunday School Lesson: International

## On Cultivating Christian Virtues

James 5: 7 - 20

By Bill Duncan

Do you have trouble concluding a letter? Or do you write until you run out of something to say?

If we were writing a letter to a church — like a lesson — we would want to make every word count.

The inclusion is most important because we want to close on a high note call-

As we have studied James, one thing can honestly be said for James — he certainly can write a letter to make you squirm. Just as you think he has hit you enough, he comes up with another.

However, this has been God's teaching to us in love, encouraging to have a belief that behaves.

For the conclusion of this letter, James calls the Christians to cultivate the virtues that will be necessary qualities of life for an effective disciple.

## PATIENCE

Too many people think life is like a game where we are trying to push the other person down while he tries to push us down. When neither wins, it becomes a Mexican stand-off.

If a Christian disciple is to be effective, his philosophy must be patience when people abuse his expecting immediate return of the Lord. This is for self-restraint.

The people who first read this letter were living under adverse circumstances. They were frustrated, or they would require disciplined Christian commitment.

James condemns grudges. We can collect hurt feelings and major or minor people are treating us. Grudges are to be nourished if they are to be kept alive. Put them away. If we have our hurts and injustices to God, they will diminish in size. If we keep them they will remain ugly.

This attitude of patience should be shown amidst difficult problems, not toward people. James gives three examples of steadfastness to remind the Christians of their ultimate earthly expectations.

(1) The farmer learned to trust the dependability of God. As the farmer cannot change nature which produces the harvest, neither can the Christian trust the Second Coming. He must learn to hold on because God is dependable.

(2) The prophets spoke in the name of the Lord and faced the rejection and ill-treatment of men. "They even considered faithfulness to the cause of God more important than their own lives." They showed us how to bear up under trials.

(3) Job faced the most difficult test — to see a divine purpose behind suffering. In spite of overwhelming difficulties he never lost faith in God. Our Lord honors men's steadfastness.

The secret of patience is the dis-

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## Names In The News

**Rev. G. C. "Bill" Cox** is the new pastor at First Church, Sardis; he moved there on June 1st.

**Rev. Robert E. Spicer, Jr.**, of Pascagoula, has resigned as pastor of New Haven Church, Elba, Alabama, to accept the call of First Baptist Church, Vermillion, Ohio. He is a 1974 graduate of Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville, Fla. Mrs. Spicer was Minnie Nelle Harold of Pittsboro, Miss.

**Ed Cansey II** was ordained to the gospel ministry at Ebenezer Church, Liberty, on June 12. A graduate of Mississippi College, he served two years as asst. B. S. U. director. He is at present enrolled in Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky. and pastor of Mt. Hermon Church, Bedford, Ky. His wife, Janice, is teaching in the elementary school system of Louisville.

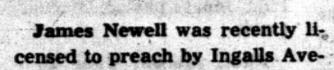
Mississippi College has added three teachers to its summer faculty in the areas of Spanish, sociology and education Dr. Charles E. Martin, vice-president for academic affairs, has announced. Teaching at the college during the summer are Miss Cynthia Powell in Spanish, Dr. Clayton Waddell in sociology, and Dr. Herbert Ray Holloway in education.



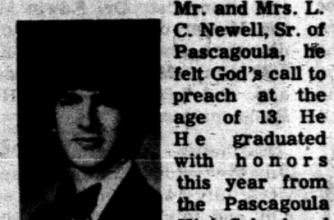
**PRESENT PORTRAIT** — Dr. Joe Hamilton (left), professor of physics at Vanderbilt University, was on hand at Mississippi College recently to present a portrait of Henry Carlock, longtime professor of physics at the college who is now retired, to the institution. Present for the occasion were, from the left, Dr. Hamilton; Mrs. D. M. Nelson, former first-lady of the college whose husband served as professor of physics and president of the college; Mrs. Henry Carlock; Professor-emeritus Henry Carlock; and Dr. Archie Germany, chairman of the Division of Science and Mathematics. (M.C. Photo by Norman H. Gough)



Mike Stovall was ordained to the gospel ministry by Belen Church, on May 12. The charge to the gospel ministry was given by Dr. Gordon Sansing of First Church, Marks. The ordination message was delivered by Rev. Paul W. Bryant, pastor of Belen Church. Mike has been called as minister of music and youth at Crenshaw Church. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Stovall of Belen, he is a sophomore at Northwest Junior College.



James Newell was recently licensed to preach by Ingalls Avenue Church, Pascagoula. Son of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Newell, Sr. of Pascagoula, he felt God's call to preach at the age of 13. He graduated with honors this year from the Pascagoula High School and will attend William Carey this fall. Dr. Allen O. Webb, his pastor, commends him for the pastorate or supply work and says he is a dedicated young man who will give his best in God's service.



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**Phillip Brady** (left), owner of Radio Station WAPF in McComb, Miss., toured the Radio and Television Commission on a recent visit to Fort Worth with (from left) his son, Don Brady, and their friends, Julian White, McComb postmaster, and White's son, Eddie, Brady, whose station airs "The Baptist Hour" and "MasterControl," two of the radio programs produced by the Commission, toured the building "to see where it all originates." They are members of First Baptist Church in McComb. — Radio-TV Commission Photo by Bonita Sparrow



Jim Hess has accepted a call as minister of music and youth at the Highland Church, Meridian. He and his wife, Sheila, will move there around the first of July. Rev. Jackie Hamilton is pastor.

**Rev. Derrell L. Billingsley** has resigned as minister of music and youth at First Church, Kosciusko, to assume a similar position on the staff of First Church, Columbia, Tennessee. He has served in Kosciusko for three and one-half years, with Rev. Harold Kitchings, pastor.

**Mr. and Mrs. James B. Slack**, missionaries to the Philippines, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: 425 Carolina, Dr. B., Bogalusa, La. 70427). Mrs. Slack, the former Mary Prestidge, was born in Poplarville, Miss.

**Rev. James Pugh, Jr.** has accepted the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Stanfield, Arizona, and moved there in May. Mr. Pugh organized the Lake Harbor Church near Brandon in 1970, with 22 charter members. The church saw continuous growth, with a 100% increase the first year, a ministry to the Madison County Jail, and to the Willard F. Bond Home at Madison. Son of a Baptist minister, Rev. James Pugh, Sr., of Monroe, Mr. Pugh has served several churches in the state. He is married to the former Martha Fortune of Jackson. They and their three children, Denise, Rebecca, and Jim, may now be addressed at Box 622, Stanfield, Ariz. 85272.

**Rev. Leroy Callahan**, pastor of Mars Hill Church in Leake County, left June 3 for New Orleans Seminary. He will commute on weekends to continue his pastoral duties at Mars Hill.

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**Carriage Hills Church**, Southaven, has presented a cassette tape recorder to Pat Gray, right, Home Board summer missionary. Pat, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Gray, is the first young person from the church to be appointed as a summer missionary. Forty of their young people have committed their lives to full-time Christian service. Rev. J. B. Miller, pastor, left, presented the gift from some of the members.

**Robert Sones** was licensed to the ministry recently by North Columbia Church, Marion County. He plans to enter Clarke College this fall. Married and father of three children, he is active in all activities of North Columbia church and is the R.A. director. His pastor, Rev. M. H. Waltman, recommends him highly. He may be contacted by phone at 736-5863 or 736-5726 or by letter at Route 4, Columbia, Miss. 39429.

**Ray Hodges** was recently licensed to preach by the Crooked Creek Church, Lawrence County. He is now available for supply and may be contacted at P. O. Box 148, New Hebron, MS. He plans to enter New Orleans Seminary in the fall.

**J. E. Sims** has accepted the call as minister of music of First Church, Verona. He goes from First Church, Ormond Beach, Florida. Sims holds degrees in church music and music education from William Carey College. He and his wife, Cherry, have one son, Jay. They reside at 125 West Main Street, Verona.



**At a June 9 reception** commemorating his four-year anniversary with the Trinity Church, Laurel, pastor Kenneth Leach and his family, above, received a beautiful, inscribed silver tray, with a matching cream and sugar set, along with other gifts from the congregation.

**Juanita Campbell**, graduate of Jones County Junior College, received a set of luggage from her church — Trinity, Laurel — as she left to serve as summer missionary in Montana. Juanita will conduct Bible schools and surveys in the Kalispell area of northern Montana.

**Rev. Buford Sellers**, pastor of Oakland Church, recently was awarded the Doctor of Divinity degree from Universal Bible Institute. He holds the B. A. degree from Mississippi College and Master of Education degree from the University of Mississippi.

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## Off The Record

If you're on a budget, high meat prices add up to a lot of baloney!

The Sunday School teacher was describing how Lot's wife looked back and turned into a pillar of salt, when little Jimmy interrupted. "My mother looked back once when she was driving," he said, "and she turned into a telephone pole."

I went to the doctor about my leg-hurting. He said it was nothing but old age. I told him that couldn't be true because the other leg was just as old and it didn't hurt at all.

Maid: I'm very sorry. Mrs. Black said to tell you she is not at home. Caller at door: That's all right. Just tell her I'm glad I didn't come.

Fortune teller: You'll be poor and unhappy until you're 40.

Client—hopefully: And then what?

Fortune teller: By then, you'll be used to it.

Sin is the most unmanly thing in God's world. You never were made for sin and selfishness. You were made for love and obedience.

—John G. Holland.



### Two Music Camps At Blue Mountain

June 17-21 two music camps were held at Blue Mountain College, co-sponsored by the music department of the college and the Church Music Department, MBCB. In the top photo are the 56 participants in the Junior High Camp, and in the bottom photo are the 50 who took part in the Young Musicians' Camp. Clinician for the Junior High group was Dr. Stanley R. Richardson, chairman of the BMC Music Department. For the young musicians, Ronald Wells of First Church, Spartanburg, S. C. was clinician.

### Seminary Slates Music Drama Class

"Producing the Music Drama," a new class, will headline the New Orleans Seminary's Summer Intern offerings in July. Also on the two-week agenda July 16-26 will be "Research Techniques and Project Writing," a course for doctoral students. The classes will meet daily for four hours.

Aim of the music drama class is to acquaint the minister of music with the basic techniques involved in staging a religious drama. Such practical topics as drama direction, choreography, staging, and choral techniques will be examined.

Coordinating the course will be seminary professors Dr. Eugene Brashears and Dr. Wilbur Swartz, and guest artists Raoul Appel, Harry Cowan, and Francis Fuselier.



### 175 Attend MC Preschool Workshop

The fifth annual Mississippi College Preschool Workshop was held June 10-14, directed by Dr. Frances J. McGuffee, with 175 participants. Consultants included Mrs. Alice Kousser, Nashville; Dr. James Brewer, MC; Miss Thelma Williamson, Jackson; Mrs. Nan Grantham, Jackson; Mrs. Ada Sumrall, NCC; Mrs. Evelyn Callif, Columbus; Mrs. Gale Keith, MC; Dr. Reba Southwest, Columbus; Mrs. Beth Canizaro, Jackson; Dr. Bertha Walley, New Orleans; and Dr. Peggy Emerson, Oxford.

## Mississippi Newsbriefs

### Just For The Record

#### Homecoming At Prospect (Perry)

Homecoming will be held at Prospect Church, Perry County, on Sunday, July 21. Rev. Clayton Mason, former pastor, now pastor of Oakdale Church, Lawrence County, will bring the homecoming message at 11 a.m. All former pastors, members and friends are invited. Dinner will be served at the church. A revival will begin on July 22 at 7:30 p.m. (see "Revival Dates.") Rev. Dexter Truesdale is pastor.

#### Crooked Creek Pastor Enrolls At BBI

Rev. J. W. Baker, pastor of Crooked Creek Church, Lawrence County, has resigned in order to enroll at Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville, Florida. The church voted to give him \$300 to help him "Get settled" at the school.

During his pastorate at the church, the community gave him "out of love" \$2000 on a new automobile. On his leaving they gave him a pound and additional love offering.

#### Old-Fashioned Clothes To Be Worn For Homecoming Day, Pecan Grove

The annual homecoming celebration day will be held July 7 at Pecan Grove Church of Ellisville. A former pastor, Rev. Billy Ingram, will preach at the 11 a.m. service, and the Lawman Quartet of Laurel will sing during the afternoon service.

There will be dinner on the grounds. Those present for the day's activities are to wear old-fashioned clothing—overalls and long dresses.

Rev. Harvey Easterling, pastor, says that all former members, non-resident members, former pastors and friends of the church are invited.

#### Unity Calls

##### Radford Redwine

Rev. Radford H. Redwine began his pastoral duties June 2 at Unity Church in Montgomery Association at Duck Hill. He moved to Unity from Lollars Grove Church, Eupora, in Zion Association. While he was at Lollars Grove, the church was completely remodeled.

Mr. Redwine, a native of Belle-

fontaine, is married to the former Judy Easley from Bruce. They have one child, Sylvia Lynn, six.

#### Foxworth Pastor Moves To Florida

Rev. Lonnie Earnest has accepted the pastorate of First Church, Sebring, Florida. For three years he has been pastor of New Hope Church, Foxworth.

During his ministry at Foxworth there have been 125 additions eighty by baptism. Of the record contributions these past three years, the largest sum in the church's history has been given to missions, registering a record offering to the Little Moon Foreign Mission and Annie Armstrong Home Mission offerings. Also a record attendance in Bible Study and Church Training was set during this time.

In May of 1973 the note on the present facility was burned and additional property was acquired. An Allen computer organ was installed in December of 1972. Plans have been made for the renovation of the pastor's and music-education director's homes.

Mr. Earnest has served four churches in Mississippi. A native of Avon Park, Florida, he is returning to his native state. He received the B. A. degree from William Carey College, and master of theology degree from New Orleans Seminary.

The Sebring church will welcome the new pastor on June 23. Mrs. Earnest is the former Sheila Ann Berry of Fort Pierce, Florida. The Earnests have one child, Lori Renee, 3.

#### New Pastorium Open-Bethlehem Homecoming

Homecoming and old-fashioned day will be June 30, at Bethlehem Church, west of Pinola. Regular morning services, dinner on the grounds, old-time singing in the afternoon are scheduled.

The new pastorium will be open (construction nearing completion). All offerings will go into building fund.

All friends and former members

are invited, says Rev. Marvin Cox, pastor.

#### Youth From 11 Choctaw Churches Meet For Bible Study

The Choctaw Baptist Associational Church Training Union is sponsoring an associational youth organization which meets monthly with Barry Worrell of Ackerman Church as president.

This organization held an association wide Youth Bible Study meeting in different churches every night during the week of June 3-7. Eleven churches of the association were represented, with an average attendance of 87, in spite of severe thunderstorms and tornado watches the last three nights. The lowest attendance was 85.

Rev. Eddie Brady, pastor of Morgan Chapel (Okibbeha), brought the closing message on Friday night. This organization meets monthly in the various churches of the association, according to Rev. B. B. McGee, associational Church Training director.



#### Jericho Pastor Off To Holy Land

Rev. and Mrs. Roy Lee Hamilton of the Jericho Church in Union County left June 18, for an eighteen-day tour of the Holy Land, Rome, Switzerland, England, and Spain. Members of the Jericho Church where Mr. Hamilton is pastor presented the tour to them.

He has previously served as pastor in Beaverton, Alabama; Amory, and Hillsboro, Mississippi before going to Jericho in 1971. He is a native of Monroe County, and his wife, Dean, is a native of Sulligent, Alabama. They have one child, Tammy, seven.